

ROOSEVELT DIES

President Passes In Georgia

Gerald and News

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Weather News

April 12, 1945
 Max. (April 11) 41 Min. 27
 Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
 Stream year to date 8.14
 Normal 9.80 Last year 8.40
 Forecast: Clear and warmer Friday.

Day's News

FRANK JENKINS
 news from Germany is
 largely blacked out again to-
 day but what filters through
 little doubt that the
 news of oblivion are begin-
 ning to close in around the Nazi
 command of Hitler, Himmler,
 Goebbels & Co.

ANCE forces of our
 9th army are OVER
 ELBE and are clanking
 the last 57 miles of open,
 straight highway toward
 the front.

9th's 2nd armored di-
 vision, which pioneered the Elbe
 crossing, is reported today to
 be moving back from the
 front. It can be at the city
 of Magdeburg by tomorrow
 or Saturday morning if
 the Germans don't send tanks from
 the front.

to the south, we're less than
 10 miles from Leipzig (one
 confirmed report today says
 the Russians are making
 a guess that a junction
 between the Russians and
 the Dresden may come
 in a week.)

Moscow, the Russians think
 the end of the war will
 be reached when the Red army
 is out of its Oder and
 the river bridgeheads and
 up in force with the Amer-
 ican forces.

conviction is growing
 where that the zero hour
 is not far off. The Ger-
 mans in Berlin are saying today
 it may come ANY TIME

HERE seems little doubt
 that the Germans fear the
 Russians as they fear the
 Americans and have delib-
 erately ordered their western
 divisions in order to hold in
 the last dread moment.
 It is likely that the
 difference between the
 Germans and the Russians
 will be dealt with by
 the Allies as a whole.)

MAN cities—GREAT cit-
 ies, world-renowned—are
 like dry leaves in autumn.
 The fear of the Nazis
 is waning in the face
 of the Russian advance.
 Himmler (in
 his name) calls for the
 death of every German
 town and every German
 soldier.

As if in response, the
 German commandant at
 Pommersburg, who surren-
 dered to the Russians after a long
 fight, is reported to have
 committed suicide.

old C. Chillberg, age 47,
 of the Bell hotel, died
 at Klamath Valley hospital at
 5:30 a. m. today as the
 result of a self-inflicted gun-
 wound in the head. The
 victim was fired from a .22 cal-
 iber rifle at his wife's residence at
 11th and Main.

was rushed to the hospital
 at Klamath Valley. A
 little after 1 o'clock
 morning and city and state
 officials were notified.
 Chillberg was an employe of
 Southern Pacific railroad.
 No definite cause for the
 shooting was known by police.
 Chillberg's body was removed to
 his home in Klamath Falls.

9th Army Now 57 Miles From Nazi Capital

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, April 12 (AP)—American ninth army tanks crossed the Elbe river today and debouched onto the flat, unbroken plain leading 57 miles toward Berlin and 113 miles from Russian siege lines.

A front dispatch said Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's men could reach the Brandenburg gate in Berlin by tomorrow night or Saturday, provided the Germans switched no tank forces from the east. One report, however, said the Germans indeed were shifting their battered sixth panzer division from the eastern front.

The first army approached Leipzig in Saxony over the old battlefields of Frederick the Great. One unconfirmed report placed American tanks near Halle, 15 miles from Leipzig. Planes destroyed or disabled 120 German tanks near Halle.

Cities fell like tenpins: Weimar, Heilbronn, Essen, Coburg, Nordhausen, Schweinfurt, Halberstadt, Emmen, Neustadt, Bochum, Baden Baden and Rastatt.

The third army captured Weimar and swarmed across the Saale river along a 30-mile stretch from a point south of Naumberg to south of the Napoleon battlefield of Jena.

Naumberg is 128 miles from the Russian lines and 24 miles from Leipzig. Below Jena other

B-29S BLAST JAP WAR AREA; LEPERS FREED

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
 Associated Press War Editor
 Renewed allied carrier raids on Sumatra and Formosa were reported by Tokyo radio today as "strong formations" of fighter-escorted Superfortresses lashed out at war production centers in and around the Japanese capital.

Japanese soldiers added a new hazard to American conquest of Okinawa, 325 miles south of Japan, by releasing thousands of lepers and insane. Many of the mad men were violent.

Repulse Attacks
 U. S. 24th army corps units beat back four well-organized Nipponese counterattacks on southern Okina yesterday but were held to a virtual standstill for the seventh consecutive day.

American casualties in the first nine days of the Okinawa campaign were announced as 2895, including 432 dead, 2103 wounded, 160 missing. More than 5000 Japanese have been killed, or 10 for every Yank, compared to a ratio of 20 to 1 on bloody Iwo.

Gains Scored
 General American gains were reported in the Philippines, ranging up to 21 miles on Luzon and 30 on Negros island. British armor awe, east and south from Thazi in central Burma to trap fleeing Japanese. Nipponese recaptured Sichuan in north central China and renewed their drive toward Shensi province on the northern road to Chungking.

GOEBBELS PESSIMISTIC
 LONDON, April 12 (AP)—Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels declared today that "the war cannot last much longer in my opinion," a German broadcast said.

In an article in his weekly "Das Reich," Goebbels said "We have sunk very low."

forces of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton spurred to within 40 miles of the Czechoslovak frontier.

Tanks of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army moved even closer to Leipzig, reaching a point only 25 miles from the site of Germany's famous fairs at 2 p. m., apparently bound for an entry into the city by tomorrow.

Inside Redoubt
 Patton's men were reported 32 miles or less from Bayreuth, in the German inner redoubt.

The British thrust within less than 50 miles of Hamburg, Germany's greatest port and second largest city, capturing Celle (25,000) and Rethen, crossing the Aller river. They were shelling Bremen, second German port.

7TH WAR LOAN SAID TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

Facing the "toughest assignment" since the inception of war loans, 60 key women gathered this morning in the Pelican party room to hear plans for the 7th War Loan which will be sponsored by Soroptimist and Business and Professional Women's clubs in Klamath county and Lake counties.

Mrs. Rose Poole, general chairman, presided.

Unable to Come
 Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, regional director of women's activities, was unable to attend as she has been delegated to the San Francisco conference, but the women enjoyed the talks given by Mabelle B. Blake of Washington D. C., director of the women's section of the war finance committee, and Mrs. Ellen MacVeagh of Portland, assistant director of women's activities. (Continued on Page Two)

The President Passes



President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, died at Warm Springs, Ga., this afternoon of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Main Asks Single Agency For Regulating Farm Wages

A proposal that harvesting and handling wages for Klamath basin agricultural products be kept within the jurisdiction of only one federal agency, rather than two as at present, was made by C. J. Main, president of the Tululake Growers, in his appearance this morning at a joint hearing of the California and Oregon WFA wage boards held at the Merrill high school gymnasium.

Main's proposal, made in the cause of simplification and convenience, was one feature of a busy morning hearing at which it was indicated that farmers generally favor the agricultural wage rates that prevailed in this area last year. The board, however, heard only a few witnesses, and other representative farmers as well as workers were expected to make concrete wage rate suggestions at the afternoon session.

Share Jurisdiction
 The WFA wage boards and the WLB now share jurisdiction over wages for handling certain products here, notably potatoes. WFA's jurisdiction covers the harvest, and WLB covers shed labor (sorting, etc.). Main explained to the board that the produce belongs to the farmer until it is inspected and loaded on a car, when it becomes the property of the buyer. It would be much easier for all

NAZI DEFENSE PUNCTURED BY RUSS TROOPS

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
 LONDON, April 12 (AP)—Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army has punched a big hole in German defenses west of Vienna. Moscow dispatches said today, and Berlin reported soviet armor had reached a point between Krems and Melk, 115 miles from Berchtesgaden.

Soviet troops virtually completed the occupation of Vienna, and dispatches from the Russian capital said "Moscow's guns may salute the freeing of the ancient Austrian capital tonight."

Northwest of Bratislava the Russians were fighting within sight at least of the Vienna-Bruenn highway, last escape route for the Germans northward out of the capital.

Encircled
 Moscow dispatches said the encirclement had been completed. Berlin said soviet gunboats were putting tommygunners ashore in the rear of German troops still fighting on the

SPANISH-JAPANESE RELATIONS SEVERED

MADRID, April 12 (AP)—Spain has broken relations with Japan in protest against the bayoneting of Spanish nationalists in the Philippines by Japanese soldiers.

A communique, issued last night at the conclusion of a cabinet meeting presided over by General Franco, declared:

Data Confirmed
 "Direct information of Spanish origin and officially confirmed leaves no doubt concerning the attack on February 12 by Japanese troops on the Spanish consulate at Manila, followed by the assassination of consular functionaries and other Spaniards there, and the wilful burning of buildings, in addition to many other assassinations." (Continued on Page Two)

Women Sponsor 7th War Loan



Maybelle B. Blake, (center), director of the women's section of the war finance committee, Washington, D. C., was honored at a breakfast this morning when Klamath county women gathered at the kick-off event in the 7th War Loan. Left, Mrs. Rose Poole, Klamath county chairman of the drive, and right, Mrs. Ellen MacVeagh, assistant director of women's activities, Oregon war finance committee.

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) — The White House announced late today that President Roosevelt had died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

The death occurred at 3:35 (CWT) this afternoon at Warm Springs, Ga.

A White House statement said: "Vice President Truman has been notified. He was called to the White House and informed by Mrs. Roosevelt. The secretary of state has been advised. A cabinet meeting has been called."

"The four Roosevelt boys in the service have been sent a message by their mother, which said that the president slept away this afternoon. He did his job to the end, as he would want to do."

Bless you all and all our love, added Mrs. Roosevelt. She signed the message, Mother.

Funeral Saturday
 Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon in the East Room of the White House. Interment will be at Hyde Park Sunday afternoon. No detailed arrangements or exact times have been decided upon as yet.

Harry S. Truman, former senator, Missouri county judge and one-time Kansas City haberdasher, by Mr. Roosevelt's death moved up to the highest office in the land.

At the capitol, aides of Truman disclosed he had left for the White House only a few minutes before the news was made public.

Mr. Roosevelt had been at Warm Springs for more than a week.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, informed reporters: "Mrs. Roosevelt, Admiral Ross McIntyre, (the Roosevelt physician) and I will leave Washington by air this afternoon for Warm Springs."

Vice President Truman was at work in his office when the news came. He received a call about 5:25 p. m., a few minutes later secret service men came and whisked him away to the White House in an automobile.

Matt Connelly, Truman's executive assistant, said he assumed that the new president would take the oath at once but that he did not know any details.

Truman's vice presidential staff stood around his offices in the senate office building, their faces pale as though they had been stunned by the unexpected news which lifted the former Missouri farm boy into the highest office in this nation's giving.

CABINET ASSEMBLES
 The death of the president was announced a few short minutes after it was revealed that high army officials had told senators the war soon would be over in Germany. Cabinet members began assembling at 6 p. m., (EWT) for an emergency session.

First to arrive were Secretary of Labor Perkins and Secretary of the Interior Ickes, veterans of every month Mr. Roosevelt served in the White House.

The shocking news of the fourth term president's death was announced to the press at Warm Springs by Secretary William D. Hassett shortly before 5 p. m. (CWT).

"It is my sad duty," he told the reporters, "to announce the president died at 3:35 p. m. of cerebral hemorrhage."

MAY DELAY S. F. CONFERENCE
 Hassett urged the reporters to rush to their telephones immediately as a simultaneous announcement was being made at the White House in Washington.

In quivering voice, in the presence of other members of the White House staff who came here with Mr. Roosevelt March 30, for what was to be a three weeks' rest, Hassett said further details as to the cause of death would be given out later by Commander Howard Bruenn, naval doctor who was taking care of the nation's 31st surgeon in the absence of Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, navy surgeon general.

Chairman Connelly (D-Tex.) of the state foreign relations committee said tonight the United Nations conference in San Francisco may have to be postponed because of President Roosevelt's death.

Sub Scamp, LCS, Reported Lost
 WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) The submarine Scamp and a presumed lost, and the LCS (L) 3-49 was lost in the Philippines as the result of enemy action.

Normal complement of a submarine is about 65 officers and men and of a landing craft of the type about 45.

There was no report of casualties on the landing craft.

Set-Up Looms
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PEACE KEEPERS MAY DELIBERATE IN U. S.

By FLORA LEWIS
 WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) The world peace-keeping organization to be blueprinted at San Francisco may conduct its first deliberations in the United States.

Diplomats speculated on this possibility today as they awaited word on the extent of destruction in Vienna to determine whether that old world capital—now almost entirely in Russian hands—remains a likely choice as a permanent meeting site.

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AGENCIES TO ACT ON MINE CONTRACT

By HAROLD W. WARD
 WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) Bituminous coal operators and miners shunted their new working agreement to government stabilization agencies today for approval or rejection of its higher wages, higher coal price terms.

Both sides told OPA the operators would need higher ceilings to offset the \$1.07 daily pay boost granted the miners under the contract finally agreed upon late yesterday after six weeks of negotiations.

No "Fringe"
 The war labor board figuratively gulped as it took the pact because the main pay adjustment is no ordinary "fringe."

It is tied up with the miner's (Continued on Page Two)

Bring Out The Rabbit's Foot

Tomorrow jinxes are wild!—Tomorrow is Friday the thirteenth!!!

Beware of black cats crossing your path—especially those with white stripes down their backs. Don't walk under ladders, unless they are leaning against a wall . . . Avoid spilling salt, or the OPA will get you!

A sailor says he isn't superstitious, but on every Friday 13 he always uses his left hand to hoist his cup of coffee, glass of milk or other beverage—he's not superstitious, but there's no use taking chances.

So if you feel like the sailor, tomorrow be careful not to open an umbrella in the house. Don't carry a shovel through the house. If you go out and forget something, sit down for 15 minutes when you return for it before leaving again.

If you put any of your clothes on backwards, or inside out, leave them that way. If you are walking with another person and a taller object comes between you, be sure to say "bread and butter."

According to the superstitious, these things in themselves, like a black cat crossing your path, are not dangerous, but are fore-warnings of ill-luck in the wind. If you know the antidote you can break the spell before evil befalls.

So brush up that rabbit's hind foot—tomorrow is Friday the thirteenth!

ate Blocks

for Secrets Bill
 WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) The secrets bill which Senator (R-Mich.) Condit cut off information from the public and possibly affect the bill has been blocked in the House on Ferguson's motion.

Monday the bill, bearing approval of the military committee, was passed by the House in routine fashion. Yesterday Ferguson entered a motion of reconsideration of this action. His colleagues in the measure should be amended before the House.

In view, Ferguson told the House, the bill provides for imprisonment for divulging information from government messages, prevent congressional access from obtaining information on the events leading up to the Japanese attack on Pearl